

TO: THE GOVERNING BODIES OF ATHLETICS AT CLARK UNIVERSITY

This is a petition to The Director of Athletics and the Athletic Councils of Clark University in behalf of the Intercollegiate Sport of Rowing at Clark University and to apply for membership in Dad Vail Regatta Association.

Clark University is one of about a dozen smaller Eastern Collegiate institutions which sponsor rowing crews for men in their undergraduate bodies. A number of these participating groups have sponsored an annual regatta to close their formal rowing seasons, beginning in 1938. For the purpose of sponsoring this annual regatta, the Dad Vail Regatta Association was organized and named in posthumous honor of a man who originated the plan after many years of interest in promoting amateur sports in American colleges. This association promotes the annual regatta for its members and encourages non-members by invitations to participate once each as guests of the association. The Clark Varsity crew was entered as a guest crew in the Dad Vail Regatta, last May 14th at Philadelphia.

If the Clark crews are to compete further in these regattas it will be necessary for the Clark Athletic Association to apply for membership in the Dad Vail Regatta Association. Therefore, this petition proposes that the Clark Athletic Association applies to Dad Vail Regatta Association for membership in that body. This petition is submitted at this time because the Association's annual meeting must pass on applications for membership and that meeting is scheduled for November 26, 1955. Membership costs approximately \$25.00 per year (the writer has this orally from a member) which entitles the member's crews (up to three per year) to compete in the annual regatta and to use the Association's annual meeting as a scheduling agency for its dual regatta scheduling. The member's representatives are also entitled to vote on association business at its annual meetings.

The writer sees certain advantages to be gained from membership in the Association in such matters as widening public knowledge of Clark University and its athletic policies. It also would be of considerable help in saving considerable correspondence and effort in making our annual rowing schedule. Our experience as guest last year bears me out in this matter of scheduling.

Doubtless other benefits could be cited for membership in this association of rowing colleges. I believe the men who competed as members of Clark's Crew at Philadelphia last May are better qualified than the writer to explain what they may see as the benefits to Clark Athletic Association and Clark students of membership in Dad Vail Regatta Association. I have suggested to most of them that they supply their opinions on this matter to Mr. Russ Granger, Director of Athletics, Clark University.

Respectfully Submitted, 11/17/55
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